

Happy holidays from the Department of Youth Development! As this year comes to a close, we are deeply thankful to have the opportunity to support youth in LA County and to be in community with all of you. We are looking forward to seeing many exciting things come to fruition in 2023, and we will keep you updated on new job and contract opportunities with the department as they come up.

This month, we want to shine a light on the Restorative Enhanced Diversion for Youth (REDY) program, a collaboration between our department and the District Attorney's Office. Launched in November 2021, this program extends access to diversion services to young people who often aren't extended opportunities for diversion by focusing intently on restorative justice and supportive services. We are so proud of this collaboration and the way it reflects evidence of best practices in improving community safety and youth wellbeing. You can read more below about the program and the young people who participate in it below!

We also want to call attention to some important grant opportunities available now or coming soon for community-based organizations working with young people. These opportunities range from grants starting at \$15,000 that are available now to support childcare centers and home operators to grants that will be available soon for organizations providing arts programming for justice-involved youth. Please visit the County's American Rescue Plan recovery site, [linked here](#), for more details on individual opportunities and to sign up for help in applying for available funding.

DYD wishes everyone time with their loved ones this holiday season and asks you to keep in mind those who cannot be at home with their own families this season. We look forward to connecting with you all in the new year.

Thanks for your support,  
Vincent Holmes, Interim Director

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